

Claims

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A kiosk comprising:
 - a housing;
 - processing circuitry/logic within said housing;
 - a display supported by said housing and in communication with said processing circuitry/logic; and
 - a scanner in communication with said processing circuitry/logic and detachably mounted to said housing.
2. The kiosk of claim 1, further comprising a scanner housing supporting said scanner, said scanner housing being detachable mounted to said housing.
3. The kiosk of claim 2, wherein said scanner housing is coupled to said housing via a tether.
4. The kiosk of claim 3, wherein said tether is retractable.
5. The kiosk of claim 2, further comprising a locking mechanism associated with said scanner housing and operative to lock said scanner housing to said housing.

6. The kiosk of claim 1, further comprising a display housing supporting said display, said display housing supported by said housing.

7. A kiosk comprising:

a housing;

a processor disposed within said housing;

a display supported by said housing and in communication with said processor; and

a scanner detachably mounted to said housing and in communication with said processor;

said kiosk operative in a first mode wherein said scanner is detached from said housing, and in a second mode wherein said scanner is fixed relative to said housing.

8. The kiosk of claim 7, further comprising a scanner housing supporting said scanner, said scanner housing being detachably mounted to said housing.

9. The kiosk of claim 8, wherein said scanner housing is coupled to said housing via a tether.

10. The kiosk of claim 9, wherein said tether is retractable.

11. The kiosk of claim 8, further comprising a locking mechanism associated with said scanner housing and operative to lock said scanner housing to said housing.

12. The kiosk of claim 7, further comprising a display housing supporting said display, said display housing supported by said housing.

13. A kiosk comprising:

a first housing;

processing circuitry disposed within said first housing;

a touch-screen display supported by said first housing and in communication with said processing circuitry;

a second housing detachably coupled to said first housing; and

a scanner disposed in said second housing and in communication with said processing circuitry;

said scanner operative in both an attached and a detached mode.

14. The kiosk of claim 13, wherein said second housing is detachable coupled to said first housing via a tether.

15. The kiosk of claim 14, wherein said tether is retractable.

16. The kiosk of claim 14, further comprising a lock associated with said second housing and operative to lock said second housing to said first housing.